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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-51 (Canceled)

Claim 52 (Currently amended): Electrical connection, according to claim 50 claim 58, wherein: the clongate member is a wire.

Claim 53 (Original): Electrical connection, according to claim 52, wherein: the wire is electrically conductive.

Claim 54 (Previously presented): Electrical connection, according to claim 52, wherein: the wire is a selected from a group comprising gold and its alloys.

Claim 55 (Previously presented): Electrical connection, according to claim 52, wherein: the wire is a selected from a group comprising aluminum, copper, metals of the platinum group, lead, tin, indium, and their alloys;

Claims 56 and 57 (Canceled)

Claim 58 (Currently Amended): [Electrical connection, according to claim 50, wherein:] <u>Electrical connection between two electronic components, comprising:</u>

a conductive path consisting essentially of a metallic coating having at least one electrically-conductive layer, said metallic coating disposed on an elongate member, said coating extending between and interconnecting two electronic components, wherein said elongate member comprises a first material, and said metallic coating comprises a second material that is more resilient than said first material.

wherein the coating is a plating having at least one layer, and

the plating is a material selected from the group comprising copper, cobalt, iron, nickel, and their alloys.

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Claims 59-374 (canceled)